

CLAIM SUMMARY

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1 -11. (CANCELLED)

12. (NEW) A retaining clamp for securing an object, in particular a gas storage cylinder of an airbag, comprising:

a clamping ring adapted to encircle the object, the clamping ring being formed of a bent sheet-metal strip and including

clamping means for tightening the clamping ring about the object by

reducing the length of the clamping ring, the clamping means including

a U-shaped portion having a pair of legs and being adapted to be

deformed by bringing inner ends of said legs together, and

a pair of mutually overlapping end portions each having an opening;

and a clamping bolt extending through both openings of the clamping ring and having a head disposed inside the clamping ring, the head having a rotation-preventing edge to prevent rotation of the clamping bolt with respect to the inside of the clamping ring.

13. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 12, wherein the head of said clamping bolt has a multi-edged contour.

14. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 12, wherein at least part of an inner surface of the clamping ring is provided with a roughening.

15. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 14, wherein the roughening has a surface roughness of at least approximately 1 μm .

16. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 14, wherein the entire inner surface of the clamping ring is provided with the roughening.

17. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 12, wherein the clamping ring has a stiffening bead extending in the circumferential direction of the clamping ring.

18. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 12, wherein the clamping ring has a flange extending in the circumferential direction of the clamping ring.

19. (NEW) The retaining clamp of claim 12, wherein the clamping ring has a convex portion between adjacent parts of its inner surface.